

Pageant Will Be Given at College Today

SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE EXPECTED TO SEE THE PLAY

Arrangements For the Big Attraction Have Been Completed.

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE TO TAKE PART

"History of Columbus" to Be Given on I. I. and C. Campus.

A. AND M. BAND TO FURNISH THE MUSIC

Special Trains Will Bring Many Visitors Here for the Occasion.

All details have been completed and everything is now in readiness for the pageant, "The History of Columbus," which will be given on the campus of the Industrial Institute and College this afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock. Should the weather not permit, the play will take place Friday afternoon.

This is expected to be one of the most stupendous events ever witnessed in Mississippi and every train brings many visitors who have journeyed from different sections of the country to see the play.

After several weeks of strenuous labor, those who are directing the play feel that their efforts will be compensated, for no word picture can describe the beauty and brilliance of the pageant.

The play will include scenes from the time of "forest spirits" to the founding of the Industrial Institute and College thirty years ago, showing the scene in Spain of the court presided over by Ferdinand and Isabella in conversation with Christopher Columbus before his voyage to America. DeSoto's crossing the Mississippi river; the pioneers; the era of prosperity; plantation scenes before the war; the wedding of Gen. Stephen D. Lee to Miss Regina Harrison in 1865. There will also be shown the scene depicting the decorating of the graves of the blue and the gray, which will be of great interest from the fact that the idea originated here among the Columbus women. Another feature will be the antiquated scene where six oxen are pulling a wagon loaded with cotton. The grand finale will be the arrival of two white horses drawing a golden chariot in which are riding "Mississippi," "Columbus" and "I. I. and C."

Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the I. I. and C., will act as master of ceremonies, and M. D. T. Gaston, secretary of the college, will be business manager of the day.

Music will be furnished by the A. and M. College band under the direction of Prof. Carl Leake.

A section of the grand stand will be reserved for the large number of A. and M. students who are expected here.

Will Change Positions.

Mr. H. V. Wingfield, who for the past several years has been commercial manager of the local office of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, has resigned to accept the position of runner for the Columbus National Bank. His resignation is effective Tuesday, at which time he will assume his new duties with the bank.

Mr. Wingfield will be succeeded by Mr. W. A. Deale, of Amory, who will arrive in this city this week.

NINETY-SIX WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Nearly One Hundred Graduates at Industrial Institute and College.

SESSION TO END MONDAY

Commencement Sermon Will Be Delivered by Bishop Bratton Sunday Morning.

Ninety-six young ladies from over Mississippi will be given diplomas at the Industrial Institute and College the coming week. The thirtieth annual commencement of this institution will begin today and will continue through next Monday.

The graduates are: Misses Augusta Josephine Baker, Iribie Beard, Margaret Miller, Addie Brothers, Lucile Brown, Helen Stuart Brown, Mary Brumby, Mary Emma Bush, Maxelle Caperton, Jessie Alayne Chandler, Lenore Chamberlain, Mary Ollita Cross, Mary Louise Ervin, Gussie Louise Evans, Maggie Jean Franklin, Hilda Green, Rhoda Haney, Fredna Haralson, Lucile Shirley, Valera Sigrest, Martha Louise Smith, Katie South, Mary Ada Stewart, Bessie Storer, Lucile Triplett, Theodore Carroll Tucker, Nell Emily Walker, Willie May Walker, Wydelie Williamson, Lois Wilson, Edna Marion Agnew, Nona Berry, Lila Blake, Mary Weidman Bourdeaux, Alice Bridges, Annie Lula Campbell, Anabel Cason, Mattie Carter, Ina Gertrude Childress, Alice Mabel Cunningham, Mabel Grace Myrtle Grace, Eva Lillian Hopkins, Sarah Prinzy Hudson, Annie Ola Jordan, Mary Olivia Kline, Wilkie Wright Leggett, Georgina McCormick, Katharine McCormick, Lydia McGowan, Martha Elizabeth McKnight, Ava Alleine Mayo, Kitty Claire Miller, Sarah Corinne Nickles, Elizabeth B. Powell, Mary Floyd Rankin, Maude Barbara Reeves, Mae Richardson, Macie Rochelle Sipvey, Mildred J. Stingley, Nellie Clayton Vaughan, Mary Hulsey, Nannie Aurelia Vinzant, Ida Lone Ware, Alice Whitfield, Mary Wilson, Lila Bell Love, Nema Weathersby, Oliva Haralson and Mrs. Calvin Brewster Powell.

On Friday, May 28, Class Day exercises will be held in the evening the regular concert by the Glee Club will be given under the direction of Miss Mattie Lou Brown. Industrial exhibits will be on display on Saturday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., and late in the afternoon the Alumnae garden party for the Seniors will be given. At 8 o'clock the annual recital by the Bach Society will take place. Sunday morning, May 30, at



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SCHOOL GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Final Exercises Were Held at Columbus Theatre Last Evening.

MAGRUDER MAKES TALK

Eugene Bass Received Medal in Declamation Contest Monday Night

The commencement exercises of the Franklin Academy High School came to a close last night with the graduation exercises, which were held at the Columbus Theatre, and thirty-one boys and girls, representing the flower of Columbus, received their diplomas.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Hon. W. W. Magruder, of Starkville, who delivered the commencement address, was next introduced by Dr. J. W. Lipcomb. His talk was one of the most forceful ever given to a graduating class in this city.

The graduates are Messrs: Henry Clarke, Wylie Banks, Allen Puckett, John Stinson, Sam Ashmore, Eugene Bass, Stuart Chandler, Sam Lindamood, A. W. Hampton and Joe Randle; Misses: Mattie Estelle Eckford, Nell Carter, Jennie Sharp, Mary Love, Martha Eggleston, Louise Cox, Pauline Harris, Kathleen Cady, Emily Rhett, Juliette Hamilton, Estelle Rippey, Ruby Nash, Zada Sharp, Eldora Peck, Louise Evans, Mary Tesch, Carolyn Slack, Laura Bell Reynolds, Theresa Bell Walker, Evie Shelton and Leila Mae Robinson.

The commencement program was inaugurated with Class Day exercises Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the chapel at Franklin Academy. A beautiful sight was the graduating class as they

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11 o'clock Bishop T. D. Bratton, of Jackson, will deliver the commencement sermon, and will also deliver a sermon before the Young Women's Christian Association at 8 p. m.

College Program

Thursday afternoon, May 27, 4 p. m.—Class play, Historical Pageant of Columbus's Friday, May 28, 10 a. m. Class Day. Exercises at Senior steps.

Saturday, May 29, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Industrial Exhibits, Industrial Hall.

5:00 p. m.—Alumnae Garden Party for Seniors.

8:00 p. m. Annual Recital. Sunday, May 30, 11:00 a. m.—Commencement Sermon by Bishop Theodore DuBose Bratton.

8:00 p. m.—Annual Sermon Before the Young Women's Christian Association. Monday, May 31, 11:00 a. m.—Baccalaureate Address and Conferring of Degrees

The Pageant.

A Pageant of the Past and Prelude, Interlude and Postlude of the Present depicting the history of Columbus.

Time: Thursday afternoon on the College Campus. Music furnished by the Agricultural and Mechanical College Cadet Band, and written specially for the pageant-play.

Admission: For reserved seats \$1.50, grandstand seats \$1.00.

STORES OF CITY TO CLOSE DURING THE BIG PAGEANT

Merchants Committee of Chamber of Commerce Pass Resolution.

Quite a number of the business houses of the city will be closed this afternoon during the presentation of the big pageant, "The History of Columbus," on the college campus.

The Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting held Monday afternoon passed the following resolution with only one dissenting vote.

"Resolved, that we, the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce recommend that our places of business be closed at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon and remain closed through the Columbus Pageant."

FIREMEN TO DRILL TWICE EACH WEEK

Regular Runs Will Be Made Each Tuesday and Friday Afternoon.

WANT ANOTHER STATION

Citizens Feel Now That Columbus Should Have Two Fire Departments.

Mayor W. C. Gunter has issued an order providing for semi-weekly drills by the local firemen, and on each Tuesday and Friday afternoon runs will be made to different sections of the city. Feeling that the firemen need more exercise than they now get in order to keep them in the best of health, is Mr. Gunter's reason for issuing this order.

On the afternoon that the drills are to be made, no regular alarm will be sounded.

There is much talk in the city of the need of an additional fire station in Southeast Columbus. In this section there are quite a number of valuable buildings.

Should an alarm be turned in from ward three when the firemen are on a run in the Southwestern part of the city, it would be impossible to at once respond to the call.

An ideal site for the new station is a lot on East College street already owned by the city, and the only cost of another department would be for the erection of a building and salaries of the firemen, as Columbus now owns an extra hose wagon.

To Meet Saturday.

A meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the subject of having a packing plant in Columbus. Everyone interested in the matter is urged to be present.

Mr. Harry Patty spent several days the past week at his place in Cliftonville.

Mrs. Lindsley, of Dallas, Texas, arrived last night to visit Miss Mary Harrison.

ITALIAN TROOPS THROWN ACROSS AUSTRIAN BORDER

MEETING HELD BY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Place the Assessments of Candidates at Two Dollars Each.

MEET AGAIN ON JULY 20.

First Primary Will Be Held on August 3 and Second Three Weeks Later.

A meeting of the Lowndes County Democratic Executive Committee was held at the court house Monday afternoon, presided over by the chairman, Mr. R. B. Hardy, and among other business was the passing of a resolution fixing the assessment of candidates at \$2.00 each, to defray the expenses of the coming election. All aspirants for state, county and beat offices will be required to pay this sum in order to have their names placed on the official ballot.

Mr. D. A. Burgin, who is a candidate for the State senate, and Mr. T. B. Brownlee, who is an aspirant for the position of county assessor, tendered their resignations as members of the executive committee, giving as their reasons therefor that they were candidates. The resignation of each gentleman was accepted, and Dr. S. M. Rainey, of the fifth district, was named to succeed Mr. Burgin in the fifth district, and Mr. T. W. Belcher was selected to succeed Mr. Brownlee in the second district.

The next meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday, July 20th, at which time the officers who are to conduct the two primaries will be named. The first primary will be held on August 3rd, and the second will take place three weeks later.

At the meeting held Monday there were present besides Mr. Hardy, the following gentlemen: T. J. Locke, Jr., secretary; Dr. F. M. Vaughn, Messrs. O. M. Lawrence, C. O. Shackelford, Ran Shropshire, C. W. Evans, T. B. Brownlee, F. A. Rowan and D. A. Burgin.

Will Sell Lunches Today.

The members of the Patron-Teacher's Association of the Barrow Memorial School have arranged to serve lunches to the large crowds who will visit Columbus today, and to families who will be unable to arrange their own meals. They will have a stand at the Airdome Theatre on South Market street and every one who wants a nice dinner is urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ayres, will entertain at luncheon tomorrow for Judge Dickinson and Mrs. Lindsley, and a few of their friends of former days will be included in the guest list.

Mrs. Victor Hanson, of Birmingham, and Hon. T. C. Kimbrough and son, Tom Brothers, of West Point, will be the guests of Miss Weenah Poindexter today.

Miss Mary Dunlap, of Eutaw, Ala., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willis Banks and family.

Rome Claims Success in Initial Clash For Their Arms.

SAY AUSTRIANS COMPELLED TO RETREAT

Rapid Stroke by Italian Army Indicates Long Preparation.

FIERCE FIGHTING ON THE DARDANELLES

Nine Hundred and Nineteen Casualties Among Austrians Reported.

London, May 25.—Austria struck first with her navy and aircraft along the Italian east coast. Italy countered quickly by throwing troops across the northeastern frontier, occupying Austrian territory along the river Isongo. Thus Italy has apparently forestalled Von Hindenburg, who is commanding the Austro-German troops on the new front. Rome officially announces that the Italians have occupied a number of towns and compelled the Austrians to retreat.

The rapid stroke by Italian arms apparently indicates long preparation. The first Italian bulletin indicates that two movements were inaugurated, one northward toward the Carnic Alps and the other through Friuli toward Trieste, on the Austrian peninsula, where severe fighting is expected. Austria calls the Italian military operations "border skirmishes."

The Germans today claim successes in the east and west, notably around Ypres and north of Przemysl. The British war office admits that the English have been unable to reform the lines denied by the Germans east of Ypres.

A British statement announces that Germans gas attacks can be met and defeated "with due precautions," but does not explain.

Fighting on the Dardanelles has been sanguinary. Nine hundred and nineteen casualties among the Austrians are reported tonight. The Turkish losses are apparently greater. Three thousand were buried Sunday.

NEBRASKAN IS TORPEDOED

London, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraskan was torpedoed late Tuesday, 40 miles from Fastnet, off the South Coast Islands.

The sea was calm and the crew immediately took to the ship's boats prepared to leave.

It was soon discovered, however, that the vessel was not going to sink and the captain, who had remained on board with other officers, ordered the crew to return to the ship and she is now reported proceeding to Liverpool with her holds full of water.

The Nebraskan did not carry passengers.

Mr. J. W. Garner and two attractive little grand daughters, Misses Eloise Garner and Sarah Rickman, left in a Ford car Sunday for Yazoo City, where they will spend several weeks with Mr. E. E. Garner, Mr. Garner's son. They arrived in Yazoo City Monday morning, having gone 120 miles on Sunday.